



NEWS ALERT

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REP. JOHN LEWIS ON ANNIVERSARY OF KING ASSASSINATION AND CIVIL RIGHTS ACT COIN

The Negro has no room to make any substantial compromises because his store of advantages is too small. He must press unrelentingly for quality, integrated education or his whole drive for freedom will be undermined by the absence of a most vital and indispensable element—learning.
Martin Luther King Jr. 1964

Tomorrow in light of the 40th anniversary of Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s death on April 4, 1968, Rep. John Lewis will hold a media availability for all press, especially broadcast media, who are interested in talking to him about the King assassination.

Simultaneously he will be celebrating the passage of the Civil Rights Act Commemorative Coin bill that authorizes the Treasury Department to issue a coin honoring the Civil Rights Act of 1964, enabled by the now famous March on Washington led by Dr. King. The proceeds of that bill will benefit the United Negro College Fund (UNCF). Dr. Michael Lomax, President of the UNCF, a graduate of King's alma mater Morehouse College, and a student at the time of King's assassination was assigned to work with dignitaries in Atlanta during King's funeral. Bill co-sponsor Rep. Deborah Pryce (R-OH) and Rep. Vic Snyder (D-AR) will offer their comments. Press will have an opportunity to talk to Rep. Lewis about the King assassination and the coin bill at that time.

WHO: Reps. John Lewis (D-GA), Deborah Pryce (R-OH), Vic Snyder (D-AR) and Dr. Michael Lomax, President, United Negro College Fund

WHAT: On 40th Anniversary of King Assassination and Civil Rights Act Commemorative Coin Bill

WHEN: 10:30 AM, Wednesday April 2nd

WHERE: U.S. Capitol, H330

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